

West Suburban Post #54 Sunday, June 9, 2024, 10am

JWV Post Meeting, Sunday June 9, 2024, Chabad of Naperville, 651 Amersale Dr., Naperville, IL 60563

Roll Call: CDR – Howard Goldstein, Sr. Vice – John Wilkerson, Adjutant – Steve Fixler, Quartermaster – Leslie Turner, Bruce Mayor, Larry Malis, Joel Bernstein, Ron Weininger

Guest: N/A

Approval of the Minutes: N/A No May Meeting

Quartermaster Report:

Received \$92.00 from National for dues

Balance - \$3741.85

Motion to accept Quartermasters Report, M – Bernstein, S – Weiniger, M/C Subject to Audit

Commanders Report:

Been very busy for the last few months and did not do anything for Memorial Day. Not planning anything for July 4th. Do we want to sell Poppies? I will contact the Jewel in Glen Ellyn for July 3.

Greg Byrne, COO at JWV National, resigned effective tomorrow. He was a good guy and sorry to see him leave.

Hines – There is a new Chief of CDC VAVS. Renee has been replaced. We do not know who it is yet. Bruce and I will meet the new person this Weds.

Hines Food Pantry – three volunteers were fired to include Bruce and me. But Renee said that only she can fire volunteers not Kerry. We will find out more information this Weds and Thurs.

Vietnam Travelling Wall at College of DuPage – I worked at it Friday Night and with Bruce on Sunday. Good steady stream of people. There was also a Desert Storm Wall, 9/11, Iraq and Afghanistan wall. The American Legion Glen Ellyn Post #3 and the College of DuPage hosted it.

Mayor – Dept. has voted to have meetings every other month. Our next meeting will be Aug 7.

Old Business:

Looking for guest speakers – Maybe Sep

I sent out a JWV descendants link to be tested. Please test it for me before it goes live.

Nominations of Officers: The following members were nominated for the position listed.

Commander – Mike Sawyer Sr. Vice Commander – John Wilkerson

Jr. Vice Commander – Larry Malis 2nd Jr. Vice Commander – Open

Adjutant – Steve Fixler Judge Advocate – Rob Honig

Goldstein – Motion to present the above slate. M – Turner, S – Wilkerson. M/C

New Business:

M- Turner, S- Wilkerson to have the Adjutant cast one unanimous ballot for all the nominated officers. M/C

Good and Welfare:

Fixler – American Legion Post #76 is having a car show on July 27, 2024 (Flyer on website – jwvpost54.org)

Fixler – The DuPage Veteran's Resource Fair will be Weds, Aug 21 at the DuPage County Building. (Flyer on website – jwvpost54.org)

Goldstein – It has been a great ten years as Post Commander, two of those years as Dept. Commander, but it is time to step down. I really enjoyed doing it and appreciated all the support that everyone gave me.

Mayor – At this year's national convention, I am going to talk with MN, WI, and MI on possibly merging all the dept. into one.

Goldstein – Do we want to go to every other month for our meetings? The answer is yes and our next meeting will be Aug 11.

Fixler/Mayor – Do we want to go back to Etz Chiam? We will get more exposure. Goldstein will look into it to see if there's room for us.

Next Post meeting: Sunday Aug 11, 2024, 10:00 am, Location TBD, via Zoom and in-person

Adjourn: M – Turner, S – Wilkerson, 1145